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OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
PETERBORO', N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, { FRANK G. CLARKE,
ELMIRA PRICHARD,
JOHN H. CUTLER.

The Summer term of the Grammar school was under the instruction of a well qualified and experienced teacher, whose labors showed very satisfactory results at the close. The methods of this teacher are admirable, her effort being to arouse the mind of the pupil to act for itself rather than to receive in a mechanical manner. It is a matter of regret that the school could not longer have had her services.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by a young lady of but little experience, but who had had special training in one of the Normal schools of Massachusetts. Her methods of instruction were excellent; she was most conscientious in the discharge of her duties. The Fall term was a success; but when the Winter term added to the number of the scholars, and larger boys came in incapable of self-government, or unwilling to exercise it, the results were not what we could desire, and the question suggests itself: Is it the wisest course to allow a school, after it has begun and is in working order, to be disorganized and its value largely lost to the greater number of pupils, by the misconduct or carelessness of a few leading spirits of mischief? We feel sure that experience will help this teacher to control her school more satisfactorily, and we hope she may be prevailed upon to add to her experience in some of our other schools.

The other departments have done very satisfactory work (with their arrangement of study) under the management of their two well tried and successful teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, MICHAEL MEEGAN.

This school had a teacher of experience for the Summer term. The scholars here are faithful workers. If they had not attempted to accomplish quite so much we think it would have been better. It is of little use to go through a text book unless one acquires a practical knowledge of it.

The Winter term was taught by a young lady who had taught but little before, but she is evidently determined to improve with experience. The school appeared well at its close. A little more carefulness in the details of teaching will make her instruction more valuable.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, A. A. FARNSWORTH.

This school was taught, both Summer and Winter terms, by Miss Lizzie M. Forbush. More energy on the part of the teacher would have added to the success of this school. Miss Forbush is a very excellent scholar, and possesses some very desirable qualities that fit her to be a first class teacher. The school was under good discipline, and the examinations showed that marked progress had been made by the scholars in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, B. HAMILL.

This district was fortunate in having the same teacher both terms. She was earnest and faithful, and inspired her scholars with her spirit. The progress in some branches was very commendable.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, W. L. BALDWIN.

The teacher of the Summer term was Miss Julia A. Ames, who succeeded very well indeed in this, her first school, and with experience, we believe she will make a first class teacher of children.

The Winter term was taught by Miss C. L. Bullard. Having attended the Normal School at Bridgewater, Mass., and being a good scholar, Miss Bullard promised to be a valuable teacher,

and such be believe she may be for some schools. The lack of understanding the conditions of the school, and the want of voice and force on the part of the teacher, prevented the highest success.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, B. F. EASTMAN.

The teacher of the Summer and Winter terms of this school was Miss Edna Barber, who has qualities that fit her to be a most efficient and successful teacher. Her scholarship is excellent and her genial qualities fit her admirably for the work of teaching.

The Summer term was a success every way, in discipline and method of instruction, and the school evinced good progress. During the Winter term, elements that few female teachers could have controlled appeared, and the failure to receive needed sympathy of parents in her work, and to exercise the force needed in the school, prevented complete success. The examination showed that the scholars had made good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, S. W. VOSE.

This district had the services of its former well tried and successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, CHARLES BARBER.

The teacher of this school during the Summer term was Miss Emma N. Smiley. Miss Smiley is a good scholar, and though young, did very well indeed in this her first school.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Edna Barber, whose school in Dist. No. 6, did her so much credit. The examinations of this school, both Summer and Winter, were creditable, both to teachers and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, JUSTUS FISHER.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by a lady of several years' experience, and her teaching showed its value. The discipline was good, the instruction good, and the results satisfactory. We hope her services may be again secured in the school.

It was thought advisable at the school meeting to employ a man for the Winter term, which led to a change of teachers. The term was short but the appearance of the school at the close led us to pronounce it successful. Of course we cannot expect as much improvement in any school when scholars are detained from school every now and then for a day's work in the mill, or for any other purpose.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, GEO. L. TRAXLER.

This district has but one term of school a year, but was fortunate in this term in securing a young lady who has spent some time in the Salem Normal school, and who showed in her instruction the advantages she had received at this very excellent institution.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, EDWIN TWITCHELL.

Both terms of school were taught by Miss Nellie S. Wilcox, a graduate of our High School, and one fitted in many respects to have charge of the instruction of children. Miss Wilcox, though mild and gentle in her appearance, has force of character, that enabled her to discipline this school most admirably. The instruction imparted was good, and the school appeared well at examination, showing diligence on the part of the scholars and faithful labor on the part of the teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

It has usually been a pleasant duty to report the High School. In the main it is so now. Mr. Tilton is a conscientious and efficient worker. His ideals are high; his standards are exacting. A thorough scholar himself, he has a keen appreciation of thoroughness; always at work, he has a wholesome contempt for laziness. In him the community have a servant of capacity and fidelity.

This school, however, will never be made what it should be until parents take a healthier interest in it. It is still a good deal interfered with by parents who know little of its needs or its system. Why do those uneducated themselves desire to dictate in matters of education? As a rule, and it is fair to presume that as to the needs of any particular scholar the teacher and the committee know best.

There is still, we are sorry to say, an unreasoning desire to press scholars into the school before they are adequately fitted. To not a few scholars, the course which should be a delight is a profitless drudgery for this reason. At the beginning of the school year, the committee thought it advisable to reorder the course of instruction, so that the entire work might be done by one teacher. This occasioned the discharge of Miss Lynch, whose labors as assistant had been so painstaking and successful.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The factors that are to enter into the future of our country, for its weal or woe, are intelligence and morality, or ignorance and immorality. As the former prevail, so shall we go on and upward in all that conserves our highest good, as a people. It is incumbent on those who prize our institutions of civil and religious liberty, to see that the young are furnished with the best education that will fit them to bear the duties of citizenship. Habits of industry, economy and morality, should be inculcated by the teachers in our schools as well as by parents.

It costs on an average, each year, about one hundred dollars to feed and clothe each child, and about eight dollars to educate said child. As the property of the rich must be protected, so our school system is based on the principle that property shall be taxed for the education of the children of the poor. So far forth as children are put to work in mills and on farms, and their education is neglected, so far society suffers in its future subjects, that must be cared for in poor houses, or as criminals in jails. At best, much of the child's education will be acquired outside of the schoolroom. Now, where this education is defective, the school helps to correct it in a measure. It becomes therefore the duty of guardians and educators to provide for the moral as well as the intellectual wants of the young; and our schools, as elevating and purifying forces of society, should be cherished. Much of the want of success in any given instance lies with parents. They are not as attentive to the habits of their children as they should be; they do not look after the punctual attendance of their children at school. They permit their children

to be on the street during school hours ; to get dismissed from school for a trivial cause ; the teachers do not receive the sympathy they should ; invidious remarks are made in the hearing of the scholars as to the teacher's methods in instructing, or general conduct of the school.

There are few parents who can not tell on visiting a school, whether it is under healthy discipline, and whether it is not making progress. But is it wise for any to take the reports of children as evidence of success or failure ? Is the judgment of the committee, who visit the school frequently and are acquainted with the inner workings of the school, to be ignored ? No teacher is perfect, and experience adds to their worth and efficiency. The object of teachers is to do the best possible. Success is their capital, and they work laboriously for the good of their schools. They are open to suggestions from the committee and parents. If parents have difficulty in governing and instructing their children at *home*, sometimes, must not teachers meet with the same difficulty ? The attention paid to the subject of education is an indication of the character of the community.

Where a change of teachers has been frequently made, there has been less good results than might have been secured by retaining tried and faithful teachers. The owners of a mill act on the principle that *experience* in the same mill over the same help and work, is an advantage that may well be paid for. Why does not the same hold true in respect to a school, and with more force, as the work is entirely mental ? Let us, then, as the friends of education, seek to make our schools the best possible, and instead of lowering their standard, let us elevate it. So will education tell most forcibly on the good of the community and the character of our citizens.

GEORGE DUSTAN, } Superintending School
C. B. B. JACKSON, } Committee.

TABULAR VIEW OF SUMMER AND FALL SCHOOLS.

| Districts. | | NAMES OF TEACHERS. | | Number of weeks. | Number of scholars. | Average attendance. | Pupils in Reading and Spelling. | Penmanship. | Arithmetic. | Grammar. | Geography. | History. | Composition. | Other Studies. | Visits by S. S. Committee. | Visits by Prudential Committee. | Visits by others. | Wages of teachers per month. |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | L. S. Lawrence..... | 10 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 5 | 6 | 37 | \$30 00 |
| 1 | Fannie L. Perry..... | 10 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 27 | 40 | 12 | 40 | 19 | 3 | 10 | 20 | 30 00 |
| 1 | Abbie C. Robb..... | 10 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 36 | 40 | | | | 36 | | | | 4 | 3 | 13 | 28 00 |
| 2 | " | 10 | 40 | 35 | 40 | 38 | 40 | | | 40 | | | | | 2 | 3 | 13 | 28 00 |
| 2 | Fannie S. Washburn..... | 10 | 46 | 42 | 46 | 16 | 32 | | | 22 | | | | | 2 | 4 | 17 | 28 00 |
| 2 | " | 10 | 38 | 35 | 38 | 18 | 26 | | | | | | | | 4 | 2 | 35 | 28 00 |
| 2 | Ellen M. Nahor..... | 12 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 10 | | | 6 | 9 | 7 | 13 | | 2 | 2 | 10 | 18 00 |
| 3 | Lizzie M. Forbush..... | 8 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 11 | | | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | | 1 | 6 | 18 | 18 00 |
| 3 | " | 5 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 11 | | | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 20 | 18 00 |
| 3 | " | 8 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 7 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 18 00 |
| 4 | Mary A. Hamill..... | 9 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 20 | 18 00 |
| 4 | Julia A. Ames..... | 8 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 7 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 18 00 |
| 5 | Edna M. Barber..... | 8 | 19 | 17 | 19 | | | | | 3 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 24 00 |
| 6 | Abby C. Morse..... | 10 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 14 | 14 | | | 3 | 12 | 3 | | | 2 | 2 | 6 | 15 00 |
| 7 | Emma N. Smiley..... | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 3 | | | 9 | 12 | 7 | | | 2 | 1 | 10 | 30 00 |
| 8 | Mary F. Knowlton..... | 8 | 40 | 33 | 40 | 12 | 20 | | | 7 | 8 | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | 17 | 31 00 |
| 9 | " | 10 | 33 | 29 | 33 | 10 | 16 | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 18 | 31 00 |
| 9 | " | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 18 | 31 00 |
| 11 | Nellie S. Wilcox..... | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 18 | 31 00 |

TABULAR VIEW OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

| District. | NAMES OF TEACHERS. |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| { 1 2 } | Fannie L. Perry..... |
| 1 { 2 } | Abbie C. Robbe..... |
| 2 } 3 | Fannie S. Washburn.... |
| 3 | Mary A. Hamill..... |
| 4 | Lizzie M. Forsush..... |
| 5 | Mary A. Hamill..... |
| 6 | Alice L. Bullard..... |
| 7 | Edna M. Barber..... |
| 8 | Abby C. Morse..... |
| 9 | Edna M. Barber..... |
| 10 | Frank P. Fisk..... |
| 11 | Flora J. Tubbs..... |
| | Nellie S. Wilcox..... |
| | Number of weeks. |
| | Number of scholars. |
| | Average attendance. |
| | Pupils in Reading and Spelling. |
| | Penmanship. |
| | Arithmetic. |
| | Grammar. |
| | Geography. |
| | History. |
| | Composition. |
| | Other studies. |
| | Visits by S. S. Committee. |
| | Visits by Prudential Committee. |
| | Visits by others. |
| | Wages of teachers per month. |

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

High School in account with the town of Peterboro'.

Dr.

| | |
|---|----------|
| To money on hand March 1, 1878, | \$495 70 |
| To money received of town, | 350 00 |
| To money received for tuition, | 21 00 |
| To money received for diplomas, | 14 00 |
| To interest on money, | 8 00 |
| To last year's interest on money in bank, | 2 21 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$890 91 |

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| By salary of teachers, | \$648 00 |
| By rent, | 100 00 |
| By wood and sawing, | 23 20 |
| By printer's bill, | 8 25 |
| By incidentals, | 47 10 |
| By money in bank, | 64 36 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$890 91 |

GEO. DUSTAN, for Committee.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Committee on the Town Library, in submitting their report, would like to offer one or two suggestions. First. The thought has occurred to us that it would be well to collect and catalogue the most important tracts and pamphlets on all subjects. This can be done with very little expense; and if the same committee is continued in office another year, they will undertake it. Also, we think it would be well to secure and bind each year the file of the PETERBORO' TRANSCRIPT. This is something many citizens often have occasion to refer to, and in future years the issues of the present time will be valued as containing the history of our town.

Second. Another matter which it is not so pleasant to speak of. Notwithstanding the regulations against it, there are many people who mark and write in books, and in some instances we have found the vilest language. Nor do we see how we can prevent this unless we require the librarian to give books as they come in an inspection which will very materially increase her labors in seriously inconvenience those who use the library. We are not clear, however, but this method ought to be resorted to. Any one who will mark or write in a book ought to be fined for doing so; any one who will deface it with profane or obscene language, ought to be deprived of the use of the library.

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| Books reported last year, | 3859 |
| Books purchased, | 75 |
| Presented : | |
| Geology of New Hampshire, Vols. II. and III., | 2 |
| General Laws of New Hampshire, | 3 |
| By Mrs. Sarah I. Pickering, Little Folks in Feathers and Fur, | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 3940 |
| Worn out, | 14 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 3926 |

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Balance from last year, | \$ 16 48 |
| Appropriation for 1879, | 115 00 |
| Fines, | 17 77 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$149 25 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Paid for books, | \$100 26 |
| Repair of books, | 23 50 |
| Binding Maps, | 8 00 |
| Travel, | 5 00 |
| Express, | 1 10 |
| Oil, matches, &c., | 1 11 |
| Stationery, | 1 52 |
| Postage, | 68 |
| Lamp chimney, | 25 |
| Cleaning library room, | 52 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$141 94 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$7 31 |

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| A. W. JACKSON, | } Library Committee. |
| JOHN H. CUTLER, | |
| W. D. CHASE, | |

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

RENDERED MARCH 1, 1880.

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|---|------------------|
| Money in hands of Treasurer March 1, 1879, | \$ 3971 43 |
| Bonds, | 1000 00 |
| Amount of tax list, | 15873 86 |
| Amount of dog tax, | 61 00 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 3151 56 |
| Railroad tax, | 21 19 |
| Literary fund, | 108 41 |
| Insurance tax, | 111 00 |
| Rent of J. R. Miller to Jan. 1, 1880, | 200 00 |
| Rent of Charles A. Jaquith to March 1, 1880, | 200 00 |
| Rent of upper hall to Jan. 1, 1880, | 52 00 |
| Rent of town hall to March 1, 1880, | 68 00 |
| Received from town farm, | 227 93 |
| Received of collector, | 3287 19 |
| Received from sale of cemetery lots, | 62 50 |
| Received from O. A. Willey, use of hearse, | 1 50 |
| Received from dog licenses, | 184 00 |
| Received from Northern Railroad, damages paid Spaulding, | 5 00 |
| Abatement of State tax, | 600 00 |
| Interest on deposits of March 1, 1879, | 35 00 |
| Interest on deposits of March 1, 1880, | 25 00 |
| Licenses on billiard tables, | 43 00 |
| | <hr/> \$20289 57 |

THEOPHILUS P. AMES, in account with the Selectmen,
March 1, 1880:

DR.

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|---|-----------------|
| To list of uncollected taxes for 1878, | \$1744 04 |
| To uncollected dog tax for 1878, | 32 00 |
| To list of poll and non-resident taxes, 1879, | 1007 76 |
| To dog tax for 1879, | 27 00 |
| To Harriet G. Nelson's note, | 15 42 |
| To list of taxes taken from treasurer Dec. 1, | 2109 43 |
| To list of dog taxes taken from treasurer Dec. 1, | 17 00 |
| | <hr/> \$4952 65 |

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| By cash paid treasurer, | \$3287 19 | |
| Abatements, | 151 72 | |
| Mrs. Harriet G. Nelson's note, | 15 42 | |
| Uncollected taxes—1875 to March 1, 1880— | 1259 50 | |
| Uncollected dog taxes—1875 to March 1, 1880— | 29 00 | |
| Commission on taxes collected, | 209 82 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4952 65 |

SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$3100 00 |
| George Dustan, High School, | \$350 00 | |
| Frank G. Clarke, District No. 1, | 863 00 | |
| Michael Meegan, " 2, | 163 00 | |
| Andrew A. Farnsworth, " 3, | 141 00 | |
| Bernard Hamill, " 4, | 87 00 | |
| Wm. L. Baldwin, " 5, | 82 00 | |
| Benjamin F. Eastman, " 6, | 128 00 | |
| Samuel W. Vose, " 7, | 126 00 | |
| Charles Barber, " 8, | 76 00 | |
| Justus Fisher, " 9, | 225 00 | |
| George L. Traxler, " 10, | 56 00 | |
| Edwin L. Twitchell, " 11, | 75 00 | |
| A. M. Kimball, for Hancock, | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2375 00 |
| Balance due High School, | | \$725 00 |

LIBRARY.

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$240 00 |
| Georgia A. Lynch, librarian, to Jan. 1, 1880, | \$ 85 00 | |
| A. W. Jackson and J. H. Cutler, for books, | 115 00 | |
| D. M. White, insurance, | 20 25 | |
| T. P. Ames, for wood in 1877, | 6 00 | |
| C. H. Brooks, for wood, sawing and putting in, | 9 60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$235 85 |
| Balance, | | \$4 15 |

HIGHWAYS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$1200 00 |
| T. P. Ames, damage to land by water, | \$ 10 00 | |
| Augustus Fuller, drain pipe, | 60 00 | |
| Lorenzo Holt, painting guide boards, | 3 72 | |
| Asa Davis, | 1286 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1859 82 |
| Excess, | | \$159 82 |

BRIDGES AND RAILING.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | 400 00 |
| Joshua Richardson, stringers and labor in 1878, | \$4 00 | |
| John H. Vose, railing poles, " " | 11 80 | |
| L. P. Wilson, painting bridges, " " | 7 70 | |
| Asa Davis, | 408 14 | |
| Asa Davis, plank in 1878, | 29 56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$461 20 |
| Excess, | | \$61 20 |

SNOW.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$300 00 |
| Paid to March 12, 1879:— | | |
| James Smiley, | \$13 88 | |
| Bernard Hamill, | 6 05 | |
| B. F. Bailey, | 15 84 | |
| F. A. Tarbell, | 3 15 | |
| Stephen D. Robbe, | 2 85 | |
| Charles Wilder, | 7 00 | |
| Ira A. Spofford, | 10 50 | |
| Daniel Edes, | 6 80 | |
| Charles H. Varnum, | 16 39 | |
| George H. Collins, | 13 38 | |
| W. H. H. Wilder, | 7 99 | |
| William Freeman, | 15 00 | |
| John Cragin, | 8 75 | |
| Shedd Brothers, | 9 83 | |
| Alvin Townsend, | 12 55 | |
| William H. Wilson, | 6 20 | |
| Franklin Field, | 11 32 | |
| John M. Ramsey, | 4 50 | |
| B. W. Crosby, | 20 26 | |
| Ai S. Annis, | 4 83 | |
| Wm. L. Baldwin, | 9 80 | |
| George W. Ames, | 2 37 | |
| Charles Barber, | 13 70 | |
| Asa Davis, 1879-80, | 162 16 | |
| | | <u>\$385 10</u> |
| Excess, | | \$85 10 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$325 00 |
| Phoenix Manufacturing Co., repairing hydrant, | \$ 5 60 | |
| Henry Buckland, steward, | 15 00 | |
| Aquarius Engine Company, pay of members, | 167 50 | |
| Deluge Engine Company, pay of members, | 60 00 | |
| F. G. Clarke, insurance, | 18 75 | |
| J. R. Miller, alcohol and oil, | 3 65 | |
| | | <u>270 50</u> |
| Balance, | | \$54 50 |

STREET LAMPS.

| | | |
|--|---------|----------------|
| Appropriation, | | \$100 00 |
| John Rourke, lighting lamps, | \$18 35 | |
| A. Fuller, lanterns, | 10 95 | |
| Wm. G. Livingston, oil, chimneys, &c., | 29 11 | |
| Geo. W. Farrar, lamp frame at watering trough, | 10 00 | |
| | | <u>\$68 41</u> |
| Balance, | | \$31 59 |

PAUPERS.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Appropriation, | \$250 00 |
| Paid Augustus Fuller, | 248 56 |
| | <u>\$1 44</u> |
| Balance, | |

PUTNAM PARK.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation, dog licenses, | | \$184 00 |
| John Madden, labor, | \$1 87 | |
| George Stratton, labor, | 9 50 | |
| F. A. Pierce, labor, | 7 88 | |
| A. B. Emery, labor, | 2 25 | |
| C. E. Jaquith, material and labor, | 6 84 | |
| W. G. Livingston, material, | 57 | |
| | <hr/> | \$28 91 |
| Balance, | | \$155 09 |

CEMETERY.

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Received from sale of cemetery lots in 1879, | \$289 00 | |
| Received from sale of cemetery lots in 1880, | 62 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$351 50 |
| Paid Dennis O'Keefe for 1000 stone posts, | \$100 00 | |
| O. A. Willey, labor, | 15 25 | |
| L. P. Wilson, painting gates, | 7 02 | |
| | <hr/> | \$122 27 |
| Balance, | | \$229 23 |

INCIDENTALS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation:— | | |
| Abatement of State tax, | \$600 00 | |
| Rents of town house, | 520 00 | |
| Received from town farm, | 227 93 | |
| Use of hearse, | 1 50 | |
| Northern Railroad, for damages, | 5 00 | |
| Interest on deposits, | 60 00 | |
| Licenses on billiard tables, | 43 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1457 43 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Paid James Scott, auditor, | \$ 5 00 | |
| M. L. Morrison, auditor, | 5 00 | |
| W. G. Livingston, auditor, | 5 00 | |
| George Dustan, school committee, | 60 00 | |
| O. A. Willey, sexton, to May 13, 1879, | 130 00 | |
| A. A. Farnsworth, E. W. McIntosh and Henry Knight, supervisors, | 15 00 | |
| Wm. Moore, selectman, | 64 65 | |
| C. H. Brooks, selectman, | 78 75 | |
| Eben W. Jones, selectman, | 62 75 | |
| J. H. Steele, town clerk, | 64 30 | |
| W. G. Livingston, treasurer, | 75 00 | |
| Charles Scott, police, | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$590 45 |

TOWN HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| D. M. White, insurance, | \$13 50 | |
| F. G. Clarke, insurance, | 81 00 | |
| G. W. Marden, labor and cement, | 5 95 | |
| C. E. Jaquith, labor and material, | 1 83 | |
| L. P. Wilson, glazing and painting in 1878, | 30 42 | |
| J. Martin, care of hall, | 3 00 | |
| A. Fuller, sundries, | 7 51 | |
| | <hr/> | \$143 21 |

TOWN FARM.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Jackson Clement, salary to April 1, 1879, | \$300 00 | |
| C. E. Jaquith, bill in 1878, | 3 72 | |
| | <hr/> | \$303 72 |

BOUNTIES.

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|-------------------|--------|--------|
| C. H. Brooks, | \$3 00 | |
| E. W. Jones, | 1 00 | |
| W. G. Livingston, | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$7 00 |

RETURNING BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

| | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| J. H. Cutler, | \$ 5 50 | |
| W. D. Chase, | 10 00 | |
| D. B. Cutter, | 3 50 | |
| Mary A. Kimball, | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$21 00 |

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

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| Frank Conda, | \$4 00 |
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STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

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| Farnum & Scott, | \$91 00 | |
| J. H. Steele, | 27 53 | |
| J. A. Cummings, | 3 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$122 03 |

DECORATING SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

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| D. M. White, | \$50 00 |
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MISCELLANEOUS.

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|---|---------|----------|
| D. M. White, services before board of equalization, | \$ 6 40 | |
| C. H. Brooks, expenses before board of equalization, | 7 15 | |
| Stevens & Parker, services in Fish case, | 16 00 | |
| A. A. Spaulding, damage on railroad near Nahor's, | 4 00 | |
| D. M. White, use of bell, | 10 00 | |
| Rufus Forbush, running town line, | 5 00 | |
| H. K. French, use of teams, | 14 75 | |
| Asa Davis, stone, | 2 00 | |
| R. B. Hatch, advice, | 3 00 | |
| J. R. Miller, postage, | 1 98 | |
| David Smiley, care of town clock, labor and material, | 27 00 | |
| J. H. Steele, books for indigent scholars, | 5 15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$102 43 |

BALLOU VS. PETERBORO'.

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| A. F. Stevens, services and term fees, | \$100 00 | |
| F. G. Clarke, services and term fees, | 88 50 | |
| C. H. Brooks, cash paid witnesses, | 48 25 | |
| C. H. Brooks and others, expenses to Nashua, | 6 80 | |
| W. D. Chase, | 10 00 | |
| O. H. Bradley, | 15 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$268 55 |
| Amount expended for incidentals, | | \$1612 39 |
| Appropriation, | | 1457 43 |
| Excess, | | <hr/> \$154 96 |

LIST OF ABATEMENTS MADE COLLECTOR.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1874, Charles H. Lee, | \$ 1 58 | K. C. Mathewson, | 1 37 |
| 1875, Charles F. McGilvary, | 3 27 | John Madden, 2nd, | 1 37 |
| Jeremiah O'Driscoll, | 1 46 | Morris J. Quinlan, | 1 37 |
| Alvarado Robbe, | 1 46 | John Smith, 2nd, | 2 78 |
| George S. Clark, | 7 57 | William Smith, | 1 37 |
| 1876, Alonzo Bailey, | 1 36 | Samuel Smith | 1 37 |
| Hiram Bailey, | 1 36 | Alvah Ames, | 25 |
| C. C. Boutelle, | 2 36 | 1878, Alvah Ames, | 62 |
| George Madden, | 1 36 | George W. Bruce, | 1 55 |
| Stephen Richardson, | 3 69 | Francis Cragin, | 1 55 |
| Charles A. Smith, | 1 36 | Auther D. Fosgate, | 1 55 |
| Patrick Welch, | 1 36 | Amos Greene, | 5 12 |
| James Watkinson, | 1 36 | H. B. Huntington, | 4 45 |
| Edward B. Dodge, | 5 33 | John Smith, | 1 55 |
| 1877, Joseph Ash, | 1 37 | William W. Spofford, | 1 55 |
| John Bolio, | 1 37 | Edward Wells, | 1 55 |
| Daniel Crowley | 1 37 | Willis A. Farnsworth, | 1 55 |
| William Currier, | 8 22 | Thomas Follansbee, | 5 02 |
| Kirn Dailey, | 1 37 | Town Farm, | 58 62 |
| A. Z. Fuller, | 1 37 | Harriet Washburn | 3 10 |
| John J. Foster, | 1 37 | | |
| Joseph Lindsay, | 1 37 | | |
| Joseph Leclair, | 1 37 | | |
| | | | \$151 72 |

ABATEMENTS MADE TO TREASURER.

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|---|---------|
| Leander Clark, exempt of poll tax, | \$ 1 21 |
| Rebecca Hunt, error in putting on book, | 8 70 |
| Aaron Piper, error in taxing lot on Granite street, | 91 |
| George Steele, over tax in 1877, | 12 11 |
| John E Spaulding, error in taxing stock, | 4 29 |
| J. F. Noone, over tax on real estate and stock in 1878, | 30 00 |
| Isaac D. White estate, error in taxing interest money, | 4 65 |
| Dennis O. Keefe, | 1 55 |
| N. T. Farwell, reduction on real estate in 1879, | 6 05 |
| A. Cragin, watering trough in 1877 and 1878, | 3 00 |
| Mrs. Chas. Methley, uncollectable, | 1 21 |
| John Warren, over tax on Steele lands, | 6 48 |
| John D. Butler, over tax on Russell property, | 7 26 |
| Abijah Richardson estate, over tax on land | 1 21 |
| | \$88 63 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| High School, | \$ 350 00 |
| Schools, | 2025 00 |
| Library, | 235 85 |
| Highways, | 1359 82 |
| Bridges and railing, | 461 20 |
| Snow bills, | 385 10 |
| Fire department, | 270 50 |
| Returning births and deaths, | 21 00 |
| Sheep killed by dogs, | 4 00 |
| Town officers, | 590 45 |
| Street lamps, | 68 41 |
| Town House, | 143 21 |
| Paupers, | 248 56 |
| Town farm, | 303 72 |
| Bounties, | 7 00 |
| Incidentals, | 102 43 |
| Stationery and printing, | 122 03 |

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| Decorating soldiers' graves, | 50 00 | |
| Cemetery, | 122 27 | |
| Putnam Park, | 28 91 | |
| Ballou vs. Peterboro', | 268 55 | |
| Abatements to treasurer, | 88 63 | |
| | | <hr/> \$7256 64 |

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1880.

| | | |
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| Old town bonds, | \$25,500 00 | |
| Interest on the same at 6 per cent., | 255 00 | |
| New town bonds, | 46,000 00 | |
| Interest on the same at 5 per cent., | 384 00 | |
| Borrowed Money, | 860 00 | |
| Interest on the same at 5 per cent., | 5 37 | |
| Outstanding coupons, | 1216 00 | |
| Superintending School Committee, | 60 00 | |
| | | <hr/> \$74,280 37 |

ASSETS.

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|---|-----------|-----------------|
| T. D. Winch, rent, | \$ 200 00 | |
| Uncollected tax list, | 1,259 50 | |
| Uncollected dog tax, | 29 00 | |
| Harriet G. Nelson's note dated July 14, 1877, | 15 42 | |
| Money in treasury, | 3,268 53 | |
| United States bounties, | 1178 34 | |
| Town house, | 16,000 00 | |
| Town Farm, | 3,600 00 | |
| Stock on same, | 809 00 | |
| Furniture on same, | 206 30 | |
| Farming tools on same, | 337 30 | |
| Execution against Horace A. Ballou, | 79 84 | |
| | | <hr/> 26,983 23 |
| Balance against the town, | | \$47,297 14 |

APPROPRIATIONS.

At the Annual Town Meeting, March 12, 1879, the following sums of money were voted:

| | Voted. | Expended. | Balance. | Excess. |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| High School, | \$1075 00 | \$ 350 00 | \$725 00 | |
| Schools, | 2025 00 | 2025 00 | | |
| Library, | 240 00 | 235 85 | 4 15 | |
| Interest on town debt, | 4200 00 | 3515 50 | 684 50 | |
| Highways, | 1200 00 | 1359 82 | | \$159 82 |
| Snow bills, | 300 00 | 385 10 | | 85 10 |
| Bridges and railing, | 400 00 | 461 20 | | 61 20 |
| Street lamps, | 100 00 | 68 41 | 31 59 | |
| Fire Department, | 325 00 | 270 50 | 54 50 | |
| Incidentals, | 1457 43 | 1612 39 | | 154 96 |
| To diminish town debt, | 1000 00 | 5000 00 | | |
| State tax, | 3876 00 | 3876 00 | | |
| County tax, | 3246 47 | 3246 47 | | |
| Support of poor, | 250 00 | 248 56 | 1 44 | |

Total valuation of town April 1, 1879, \$1,395,189.00. Tax assessed, including dog tax, \$16,969.62. Rate of taxation, \$1.21 on \$100.00. Number of polls, 560. Valuation of a poll, \$100.00.

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| CHARLES H. BROOKS, | } Selectmen of Peterboro'. |
| WILLIAM MOORE, | |
| EBEN W. JONES, | |

TOWN FARM.

Inventory account rendered by Agent :

APPRAISAL FEB. 1, 1879.

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Farm, | \$3600 00 | |
| Stock, | 1119 00 | |
| Hay and fodder, | 318 00 | |
| Produce and provisions, | 456 91 | |
| Furniture, | 188 68 | |
| Tools, | 338 50 | |
| Debts due farm, | 76 94 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6098 03 |

APPRAISAL FEB. 1, 1880.

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|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Farm, | \$3600 00 | |
| Stock, | 809 00 | |
| Hay and fodder, | 276 00 | |
| Produce and provisions, | 251 22 | |
| Furniture, | 206 30 | |
| Tools, | 337 30 | |
| Wood and lumber, | 120 00 | |
| Debts due farm, | 40 44 | |
| Less on stock, &c., | 457 77 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6098 03 |

JOHN CRAGIN, cash account with Town of Peterboro' :

DR.

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| To cash received for produce, stock, &c., | \$1171 22 |
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CR.

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| By taxes paid, | \$53 86 | |
| Salary of J. Clement, | 25 00 | |
| Salary of J. H. Bartlett, | 250 00 | |
| Services of self, | 15 00 | |
| Paid for stock, labor, produce, &c., | 599 43 | |
| Cash paid town treasurer, | 227 93 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1171 22 |

JOHN CRAGIN, Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer in account with the Town.

Dr.

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|---|-------------|
| To balance March 1, 1879, | \$ 3,971 43 |
| Bonds on hand March 1, 1879, | 1,000 00 |
| Rec'd int. on deposits to Mar. 1, 1879, | 35 00 |
| Tax list for 1879, | 15,873 86 |
| Dog tax for 1879, | 61 00 |
| Received from Collector, | 3,287 19 |
| Received for dog licenses, | 184 00 |
| Received for licenses of billiard tables, | 43 00 |
| Received for damage from railroad, | 5 00 |
| Received from sale of cemetery lots, | 62 50 |
| Received for rent of town house, | 520 00 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 3,151 56 |
| Railroad tax, | 21 19 |
| Insurance tax, | 111 00 |
| Literary fund, | 108 41 |
| Abatement on State tax, | 600 00 |
| Received from Agent of town farm, | 227 93 |
| Received for use of hearse, | 1 50 |
| Rec'd int. on deposits to Mar. 1, 1880, | 25 00 |

\$29,289 57

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| By paid County tax, | \$3,246 47 |
| State tax, | 3,876 00 |
| Selectmen's orders, | 7,168 01 |
| Railroad bond, | 500 00 |
| Old town bonds, | 4,500 00 |
| Interest (coupons), | 3,472 50 |
| Interest on note, | 43 00 |
| Taxes abated by Selectmen, | 88 63 |
| Uncollected taxes Dec. 8, | 2,109 43 |
| Dog tax uncollected Dec. 8, | 17 00 |
| Bonds transferred to Selectmen, | 1,000 00 |
| Cash on hand, | 3,268 53 |

\$29,289 57

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| Taxes collected to Dec. 1, | \$13,764 43 |
| Taxes uncollected Dec. 8, and trans- ferred to Selectmen, | 2,109 43 |

\$15,873 86

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| Dog tax collected to Dec. 1, | \$44 00 |
| Dog tax uncollected Dec. 8, and trans- ferred to Selectmen, | 17 00 |

\$61 00

W. G. LIVINGSTON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

AUGUSTUS FULLER, in account with the Town.

DR.

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|-------------------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| To cash on hand as per last report, | \$ | 05 | |
| To cash of town, | | 248 | 56 |
| | | ----- | \$248 61 |

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| By paid for Albert Hadley, | 67 | 00 | |
| By paid for Mrs. Lydia Bullard, | 23 | 36 | |
| By paid for Longley Spofford, | 78 | 00 | |
| By paid for A. W. Bingham, | 78 | 00 | |
| By cash paid for tramps, | 2 | 20 | |
| Cash on hand, | | 05 | |
| | | ----- | \$248 61 |

AUGUSTUS FULLER, Overseer of Poor.

We, the undersigned, auditors of accounts, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Collector, Overseer of the Poor, Agent in charge of the Town Farm, High School Committee and Committee on Town Library, and find them correctly cast and fully vouched, with the exception of the Town Farm Report.

JAMES SCOTT, }
M. L. MORRISON, } Auditors.
A. B. TARBELL, }

March 3, 1880.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Town of Peterboro' in account with ASA DAVIS, Road Agent.

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| Cash received from Treasurer, | \$1286 10 |
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DR.

Amount expended on Highways from March 12,
1879, to March 1, 1880 :

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Paid Holt & Hunter, agents, | \$10 05 |
| John Kildafth, | 1 25 |
| Hiram McCoy, | 6 50 |
| J. B. Pierce, | 1 25 |
| J. S. Stearns, | 1 37 |
| John E. May, | 6 62 |
| B. Owens, | 1 87 |
| H. F. Whittemore, | 1 00 |
| Samuel F. Howe, | 1 25 |
| A. J. Dodge, | 1 87 |
| W. L. Baldwin, | 6 50 |
| D. Osborn, | 1 00 |
| W. H. Wilson, agent, | 21 25 |
| Orrin Smith, | 50 |
| John A. Hovey, agent, | 23 94 |
| David Gould, | 2 50 |
| B. Hamill, agent, | 13 00 |
| John M. Ramsey, | 2 35 |
| S. D. Robbe, agent, | 18 00 |
| Charles Barber, | 4 25 |
| William Goss, | 9 38 |
| Willam Barr, | 3 75 |
| Sampson Washburn, | 3 25 |
| A. Davis for John Madden, | 3 75 |
| A. Davis for Frank Tatro, | 18 81 |
| A. Davis, | 116 25 |
| William Coy, | 19 62 |

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| William Dorman, | 6 11 |
| Joseph Bovis, | 30 69 |
| Charles Donovan, | 53 88 |
| James Griffin, | 30 38 |
| A. Davis for George Wilkins, | 36 40 |
| A. Davis for Jack Smith, | 18 75 |
| A. Davis for Jerry Driscoll, | 42 64 |
| A. Davis for George Hunt, | 18 32 |
| A. Davis for John Corcoran, | 55 06 |
| A. Davis for H. B. Needham, | 1 25 |
| A. Davis for George Ames and oxen, | 24 37 |
| Patrick Sanders, | 25 00 |
| T. P. Ames, | 1 88 |
| A. Davis, | 29 71 |
| A. Davis for Andrew Willis, | 82 44 |
| A. Davis for Hunt and oxen, | 154 29 |
| A. Davis for J. Bovis and oxen, | 88 73 |
| George Ames, | 118 51 |
| Oxen, | 8 00 |
| A. Davis for Joseph Young, | 15 00 |
| John Bovis, | 12 37 |
| B. W. Crosby, | 14 01 |
| A. Davis, horse and cart, | 87 95 |
| A. T. Hovey, | 3 85 |
| E. A. Robbins, | 2 80 |
| W. E. Davis, | 6 38 |
| J. H. Bartlett, | 3 95 |
| A. Davis for D. M. White, | 2 50 |
| A. Davis, | 5 75 |
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| | \$1282 40 |

BRIDGES AND RAILING.

CR.

Amount received from treasurer, \$408 14

DR.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Asa Davis for Andrew Willis, | \$22 32 |
| A. Davis for George Wilkins, | 2 00 |
| T. P. Ames, | 2 50 |
| A. Davis for John Corcoran, | 10 69 |
| A. Davis for Jerry Driscoll, | 11 07 |
| A. Davis for Daniel Hunt, | 5 33 |
| Charles Donovan, | 5 07 |
| John Bovis, | 8 75 |
| A. Davis for Joseph Bovis, | 1 25 |
| William Dorman, | 3 51 |
| A. Davis for Jack Smith, | 6 25 |
| A. Davis for J. Bovis and oxen, | 41 41 |

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| Charles Wilder for plank, | 89 00 | |
| A. Davis and horse, | 32 46 | |
| George Ames, | 30 90 | |
| B. W. Crosby for stringers, | 8 50 | |
| E. A. Robbins, bill, | 2 60 | |
| A. Davis for W. E. Davis, | 3 60 | |
| A. T. Hovey, | 3 18 | |
| C. E. Jaquith, lumber, | 4 75 | |
| A. Davis, plank, stringers, railing and stone, | 111 05 | |
| W. E. Davis, rails, | 1 95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$408 14 |

SNOW BILLS.

CR.

Amount received of Treasurer, \$162 16

DR.

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| Paid Asa Davis for Hunt and oxen, | \$ 9 70 | |
| Asa Davis and horse, | 9 36 | |
| John Q. Adams, | 1 50 | |
| David Gould, | 50 | |
| F. A. Tarbell, | 1 80 | |
| J. M. Ramsey, | 2 67 | |
| J. F. Varnum, | 1 35 | |
| Frank Conday, | 5 74 | |
| Charles H. Varnum, | 7 91 | |
| W. L. Baldwin, | 2 92 | |
| John A. Hovey, | 4 00 | |
| B. Hamill, | 3 80 | |
| W. H. Wilson, | 3 45 | |
| William Freeman, | 4 67 | |
| Ai S. Annis, | 1 88 | |
| A. O. Smith, | 2 62 | |
| D. Osborn, | 75 | |
| James Smiley, | 4 50 | |
| S. D. Robbe, | 3 00 | |
| R. H. Morrison, | 2 78 | |
| A. Davis for George Ames and oxen, | 6 81 | |
| Sampson Washburn, | 1 75 | |
| B. W. Crosby, | 24 44 | |
| Alvin Townsend, | 11 90 | |
| Charles H. Varnum, | 12 63 | |
| William Goss, | 1 50 | |
| George Ames, | 7 63 | |
| W. E. Davis, | 4 17 | |
| A. Davis, | 18 06 | |
| J. B. Shedd, | 8 37 | |
| | <hr/> | \$172 10 |
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| | | \$1862 70 |

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| Whole amount paid for Highways, Bridges, Rail- ing, and Snow, | \$1862 70 |
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| Whole amount received from treasurer for | |
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| Highways, Bridges, Railing, and Snow, | \$1856 40 |
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| Received of C. H. Brooks, cash, | 2 00 |
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| Received for old plank, | 2 25 |
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| <hr/> | 1860 65 |
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| Balance due Agent, | <hr/> \$2 05 |
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ASA DAVIS, Agent.

